

## Message Text

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TAGS: PINS, PINR, GE  
SUBJECT: FURTHER PRESS REPORTS ON POSSIBLE ARREST  
OF GDR AGRICULTURAL MINISTER

REF: USBER 2577

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF OCTOBER 5 CARRIES AN  
ARTICLE REPORTING THAT GDR AGRICULTURAL MINISTER  
HEINZ KUHRIG RECENTLY VISITED A SUGAR FACTORY IN  
THE EASTERN GDR. WEST BERLIN PRESS OF OCTOBER 5  
(DIE WELT) ALSO CARRIES EAST GERMAN ADN STORY  
TO THE SAME EFFECT. DIE WELT DOES STATE  
THAT KUHRIG HAS COME UNDER SHARP CRITICISM RECENTLY  
FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SHORTCOMINGS  
AND THAT THIS CRITICISM HAS FED RUMORS OF HIS  
ARREST AFTER HE HAD NOT BEEN SEEN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. COMMENT. COVERAGE BY ADN AND NEUES DEUTSCHLAND  
SUGGESTS THAT NOT ONLY IS GDR AWARE OF RUMORS  
REGARDING KUHRIG'S ARREST BUT IS ACTIVELY TRYING  
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TO DISCREDIT STORY. PREVAILING VIEW IN  
DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE IS THAT STORY IS INCORRECT  
AND THAT IT IS PROBABLY A PLANT BY SPRINGER PRESS  
WHICH IS NOTORIOUSLY UNRELIABLE REGARDING GDR.  
END COMMENT. BOLEN

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